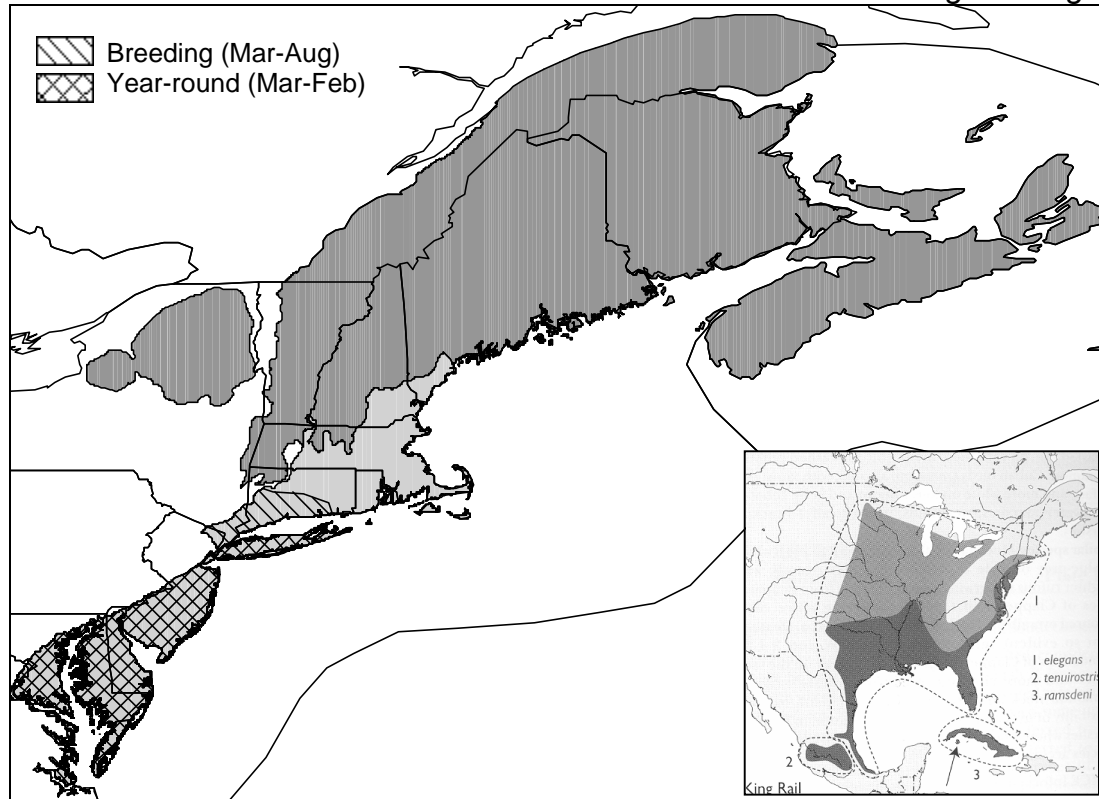


KING RAIL

Rallus elegans elegans



Regional Occurrence (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds and winters in BCR 30
- Habitats used: fresh and brackish marshes with sedge, rush and cattail

PIF BD=2; PIF ND=4

Regional Abundance

- Current population size: US--unknown ; CAN—0
- Historical population size: unknown
- % change in regional population: unknown

PIF RA=4; PIF PT=3

Regional Threats

- Loss of wetlands most critical threat
- Collision with illuminated structures (TV towers, tall buildings, lighthouses)
- Incidentally being caught in muskrat traps; flooding of nests
- Hunted game bird in US
- Resident Canada Geese

PIF TB=2; PIF TN=2

Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
?	?		?b	?b?	?b	0b	0b
IUCN- Not Evaluated	NAWCP- Moderate Concern		Moderate (PI=?)	NJ-S3B, S?N; DE-S2; MD-S3S4B, S2N; VA-S2B, S3N	NY-S1B, SZN; CT-S1B, SZN; RI-S1B, S1N; MA-S1; VT-no info	MA-S1; NH-SHB; ME-S1?N, SPB; NB, NS- no info	QC- no info; NB- no info; PE, NS- no info

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 81% successful nests; *Density and Foraging Habitat:* (25/100 acres) to (14/13 acres); 3.67-24 along 1-mile route; forage in areas concealed by plant cover or in comparatively open areas where they blend with surroundings; in tidal areas at low tide, and very shallow water; feed on land near water; palustrine emergent wetlands; *Issues:* Natural swales should be maintained for nesting and foraging purposes. Artificial land leveling and roadside mowing of borrow areas should be discouraged during nesting and brood periods. Desired vegetation should be grown within the interior, not the periphery, of managed wetland sites; *Needs:* determine breeding vs. migratory population, ID limiting factors, automated call-survey, needs monitoring; *Population Goals:* restore (increase); *Habitat Goals:* open water management